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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1180

DATE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Rape Crisis Centers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes certification of sexual assault victim advocates as a prerequisite for receiving money from the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under this bill, monies from the fund would not be available to rape crisis centers unless all sexual assault victim advocates employed by the center are certified by the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Certification requirements include education and training and a fee payment to the Coalition. Both the \$35 initial fee and the \$20 renewal fee would be paid to the Coalition and not to the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund. An estimated 300 advocates would be paying this fee to the Coalition.

Background: The Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund was established July 1, 2001, by SEA 518 to provide financial assistance to rape crisis centers. Money in the fund must be distributed to a statewide nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is pursuing the eradication of sexual violence in Indiana. The balance in the fund was \$14,615 on December 31, 2002.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Health, Office of Women's Health, administers the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: